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A method for manufacturing a printed wiring board, including the steps of: including forming a thermosetting resin layer so as to fill the spaces between circuit patterns formed on the printed wiring board; heating and curing the resin layer; and then polishing the cured resin layer eovering the circuit patterns, thereby exposing the circuit patterns. Additionally, The the step of heating and curing eomprises the following includes steps: step 1: maintaining the resin layer at a non-curable temperature in a state where the resin layer is pressed via the smoothing plate in a reduced pressure chamber; step 2: heating the resin layer in the pressed state to a curing temperature; step 3: introducing outside air into the reduced pressure chamber with the pressed state and the curing temperature maintained; step 4: reducing the pressure applied to the smoothing plate with the curing temperature maintained; and step 5: cooling the resin layer.